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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

An Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned application on May 23, 2003. Claims 1-87 are pending. Claims 37-86 are withdrawn from consideration. Examined claims 1-5, 7-36 and 87 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14, 18-23, 27, 29-34 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 4,053,433 of Lee. This action was made final. This Amendment and Remarks document is submitted in response to that Office Action.

**AMENDMENT**

Please enter the following amendments into the application:

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